

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A portable terminal which prestores first and second identification information to limit ~~the~~ use of a particular portable data storage medium, ~~which that~~ prestores third and fourth identification information, said portable 5 terminal comprising:

first determining means for comparing the third identification information stored in the data storage medium with the first identification information stored in the portable 10 terminal, and for determining based on a result of the comparison whether access to the data storage medium is allowed; and

second determining means, responsive to said first determining means determining that the access to the data storage medium is allowed, for reading the fourth identification information prestored in the data storage medium, for comparing 15 this the read information with the second identification information prestored in the terminal, and for determining based on a result of ~~the last mentioned~~ said comparison whether access to data in the data storage medium in allowed;

wherein the data storage medium further prestores a software 20 application corresponding to the fourth identification information;

wherein the portable terminal further comprises means, responsive to said second determining means determining that the

25 access to the data storage medium is allowed and responsive to  
the terminal being instructed to start up the software  
application, for comparing the fourth identification information  
corresponding to the software application with the second  
identification information, and for starting up the software  
application based on a result of said comparison;  
30 wherein the data storage medium further prestores a data  
file accessible through the software application; and  
wherein the portable terminal further comprises means  
for accessing the data file based on the starting up of the  
software application stored in the data storage medium.

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Claims 2-21 (Canceled).

22. (New) A system comprising:  
a portable data storage medium; and  
a portable terminal to which the data storage medium is  
connectable;  
5 wherein the portable data storage medium has stored thereon  
a plurality of software applications operable on the portable  
terminal, a data file created by each of the software  
applications, a hardware identification code for identifying the  
data storage medium, a plurality of software identification codes  
10 for the plurality of software applications, respectively, and a

plurality of user passwords for specifying a plurality of users, respectively, that are able to use the data storage medium,

wherein the portable terminal comprises a non-rewritable storage area in which a hardware identification code for specifying the portable terminal and a plurality of software identification codes each for identifying available software applications are stored, and a rewritable storage area; and

wherein the portable terminal further comprises:

means, responsive to a power supply being turned on when the portable data storage medium has been connected to the portable terminal, for reading the hardware identification code stored on the data storage medium and then determining whether or not the read hardware identification code matches the hardware identification code stored in the non-rewritable storage area of the portable terminal;

means, responsive to determining that the read identification code matches, for determining whether or not a password inputted by a user who operates the portable terminal matches any one of the plurality of passwords for specifying the plurality of users, respectively, stored in the data storage medium;

means, responsive to determining that the inputted password matches, for allowing the user to select any desired one of the plurality of software applications stored on the data storage medium;

35                   means, responsive to the user selecting the desired  
application software, for reading from the data storage medium a  
software identification code corresponding to the selected  
software application, and for determining whether or not the  
software identification code matching the read software  
40 identification code is stored in the non-rewritable storage area  
of the portable terminal; and

45                   means, responsive to determining that the matching  
software identification code is stored, for starting up the  
selected software application stored on the data storage medium,  
and for storing on the data storage medium a data file created by  
operation of that application software as a data file  
corresponding to that application software.

23. (New) The system according to claim 22, wherein:  
the portable data storage medium further stores basic  
software for driving the portable terminal; and  
the portable terminal is responsive to the power source  
5 being turned on to thereby be operated by the basic software for  
reading the hardware identification information from the data  
storage medium, and for determining whether or not the read  
hardware identification information matches the hardware  
identification information stored on the portable terminal.

24. (New) A system comprising:

a portable storage medium;

5 a portable terminal to which the portable storage medium is connectable; and

a server that writes various codes and software to the data storage medium and the portable terminal;

wherein the server comprises:

means for storing hardware identification code unchangeably on the portable terminal and the portable data storage medium in order to set the portable terminal and the portable data storage medium in corresponding relationship;

10 A means for storing on the portable terminal unchangeably a software identification code corresponding to a software application to be operated on the portable terminal; and

15 means for storing on the portable data storage medium a plurality of software applications operating on the portable terminal, a plurality of data files created by the plurality of software applications, respectively, a plurality of software identification codes for the plurality of software applications, respectively, and a plurality of user passwords for specifying a plurality of users, respectively, who are able to use the data storage medium.

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